

Faithful Sayings: If We, Then He (2 Timothy 2:11-13)

- I. A Truth Concerning Death (Vs. 11)
 - A. Christ's Death For Us (Vs. 11a)
 - B. Christ's Life In Us (Vs. 11b)
- II. A Truth Concerning Destiny (Vs. 12a-b)
 - A. The Reality Of Present Suffering (Vs. 12a)
 - B. The Reward of Princely Service (Vs. 12b)
- III. A Truth Concerning Denial (Vs. 12c-d)
 - A. The Opening of Denial (Vs. 12c)
 - B. The Awfulness of Denial (Vs. 12d)
- IV. A Truth Concerning Doubt (Vs. 13)
 - A. A Faltering Belief (Vs. 13a)
 - B. A Firm Benefactor (Vs. 13b-c)

Faithful Saying: If we, then He 2 Tim 2:11-13

From an early age, we begin to sing the songs of our worship to God. Our children may not remember what a preach on any given Sunday. But after learning to sing "What can wash away..." They will learn the importance of the Blood of Jesus Christ. Our hymns teach and convey truth to our hearts to be remembered. And lestface it the people of God are a singing people. The first recorded song was from Moses upon his deliverance from Egypt. In Psalm 40, David said not only did he pull me out of the pit but he put a new song in my mouth. In Ephesians we are exorted

I. A Truth Concerning Death - In the first notes of this ancient song we see the bedrock of all truth revealed as an essential for the life of the ^{Believer} A. Christ's Death for Us - Paul as a prisoner of Rome is facing the death penalty. He along with many others have given their lives. As this the death he speaks of. No. "Be dead" it is a past tense. What death is he referring to Christ's death on the cross. In Lev 4.

The sinner is instructed to bring a sin offering. And there, before the priest, he places his hand on the animal confessing the guilt of his sin. "Guilt Kinner" the offerer's sin was taken to have

B. Christ's Life in Us - Yet death is not the end of the story. You know as well as I! Christ died and was resurrected. Our baptism is a beautiful picture of not only our death and burial with Christ but our newness of life with Christ. Our old man is buried and we are to put on the new man! This new man is empowered by Christ resurrection power. Gal 2:20. When we live out this new life under the power of an old man we

II. A Truth Concerning Destiny - This sweet lyric looks from the suffering difficulty and persecution ahead to the glory of God's heavenly Kingdom to come.

A. The Reality of Present Suffering - If anyone knows something of suffering it is the author of our letter. When God directed Ananias to enquire of Saul of Tarsus God said that he will show Paul what great things he must suffer for my name's sake. 2 Cor 11:23-27 outlines these sufferings. There is no doubt that we will suffer. Whether it be spiritual physical at the hands of enemy of the Cross. Yet Paul said in Rom 8:18. What is this glorious destiny yet to be revealed?

B. The Reward of Princely Service - Rev 3:21. Unbelievable! On the other side of our suffering lies a throne. Prince John youngest child of King George V loved to play a game w/ his father. The King would sit on his throne

1) ...exhorted to sing and make melody in our hearts unto the Lord. In Colossians we are to teach and admonish using psalms and hymns. Most scholars believe that faithful saying before us tonight was a whole or a part of a song. A hymn of the early church. Think of it as one of the old red back book hymns of the early church, because it is chocked full of Bible truth. Let's look at these truths and make application to our lives.

2) ...taken to have passed to the victim and the victim's death accounted to the offerer." This is the work of salvation, where the repentant sinner places his hand of faith upon the death of Christ and the same transfer takes place. Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. As the old song write put is "I lay my sins on Jesus, the spotless lamb of God.

3) Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

4) ...of an old man we find difficult and full of fault and failure, but if we will recon our life to be His life and allow Christ to live through us, life becomes very different. It becomes true life abundant life.

5) 2 Corinthians 11:23-27 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

6) Romans 8:18 - For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

7) Revelation 3:21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

1) Revelation 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

2) Revelation 20:4 ...they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. Romans 5:17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.

3) We must be carefully and prayerfully on our guard lest, through needless fear, or through false shame, or through hope of gain, we even go so far as to deny our Saviour.

4) Matthew 10:33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

and allow his little son so climb up to sit
in the same seat with him. This will be the
case for the faithful child of God. Rev 5:10 ①
The Last shall be first, first shall be last. We
will judge angles and the 12 tribes. Rev 20:4, Rev 5:17

III. A Truth Concerning Denial - Our
song takes on a minor note, a fearful
tone. It becomes darker in its sound
when we are confronted with the truth of Denial.

A. The Opening of Denial - "If we
deny Him..." Is it possible to do such
a thing? Take heed lest ye fall! The possi-
bility of denying our Lord Jesus is a very real
danger. Author. We must carefully and ③
Jesus warned the sift coming Peter. "I'll
die for you Lord." But before the cock
crow 3 denials lie open before the eyes
of the Lord. But notice the "if" of our verse!
Judas sought to betray. Though ^{we need not deny} chances all around.

B. The Clingfulness of Denial - What an
awful phrase he will deny us! Peter
denied and yet Jesus said tell the disciples
and Peter. Peter was restored. But a persist-
ent denial of our Lord could prove our
illegitimate claim as a child of God.
and receive the words of Matthew 7:23
"I never knew you." We need not deny
Christ! If you do. Make your calling
and election sure. For Mt 10:33 said ④

IV. A Faith Concerning Doubt

The solemn tone of our previous verse rings into the beginning of the final verse until there is in the end a harmonious resolute.

A. A Faulting Belief - What kind of belief are we finding here. Im 3 is exact: Unbelief is condemnation, Unbelief is death, Unbelief is a candidate for wrath of God. This is speaking of the unbelieving believers. Have you met one of these. They have believed to the saving of their souls, but their belief goes no further. What do you believe? That all things are possible? Seek ye first... We fret and worry. Our belief is not in what but in who ³ Mk 9

B. A Firm Benefactor - Yet he remains faithful! Although my faith wavers and shakes yet he is true and faithful Is 31:2 Says he will not call back his words. He will not let us down. If he were to be any otherwise he would have to deny who he is. ³ Heb 13:8 He is the one who we can trust and depend on. No matter how un dependable we are ^{into Jesus the author} and in consistent we are we can look

V. Closing - What truth that we can hold to and cling to in this song. A song to sing at Sabbath a song to sing in separation and suffering

- 1) **Luke 17:6** And the Lord said, If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be thou planted in the sea; and it should obey you. **Matthew 6:33** But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- 2) **Mark 9:24** And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.
- 3) **Hebrews 13:8** Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.